

THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 2, 1965

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

THE LATE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO LADY CHURCHILL

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, during the adjournment of the Senate news came of the death of Sir Winston Churchill. On behalf of the members of this honourable house I expressed the sympathy of this house to Lady Churchill, in a message reading as follows:

Dear Lady Churchill,

I wish to express to you and to the members of your family the deepest sympathy of the members of the Senate of Canada in your bereavement.

Your sorrow is shared by those who cherish freedom in all parts of the world.

Sincerely,
Maurice Bourget.

28th January, 1965.

Lady Churchill was kind enough to reply to that letter of condolence in the following terms:

28 Hyde Park Gate,
London, S.W. 7,
3rd February, 1965.

Dear Mr. President,

I am truly grateful to you for your kind and sympathetic message.

Yours sincerely,
Clementine S. Churchill

Honourable senators, the world has lost a great citizen and an understanding leader. As it has been so well said, Sir Winston has passed on, but the example of his courage, the majesty of his words, the inspiration of his leadership and of his life, these will endure for all time.

THE LATE SENATORS AUSTIN C. TAYLOR AND JOHN A. ROBERTSON

TRIBUTES

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, since the Senate last met this chamber has been deprived of the services of two of

its esteemed members. Both of them will be missed here very much.

Senator Austin C. Taylor died on January 17 of this year. He was last in the Senate in June of 1964. Senator Taylor was from New Brunswick, but in a very real sense he was of New Brunswick. He had a long and distinguished public career, having been elected to the legislature of his province first in 1935. He was re-elected six times, which is evidence of the prestige he enjoyed among the people who knew him best, and particularly those in his own county of Westmorland.

Senator Taylor was Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick for 17 years, during a time of great adjustment and growth in that province. He was the provincial leader of his party in 1954, and was summoned to the Senate in 1957. Here, his colleagues knew and admired and respected him, first for his unflinching politeness; for his sincerity, because he was a sincere and direct man; for his capacity as a parliamentarian, because he was one of the finest speakers to grace this chamber of great speakers; and for his expert knowledge of agriculture, because in this field he was indeed an expert.

For some time Senator Taylor was an officer of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association, of the Fox Breeders' Association, of the Sheep Breeders' Association and of the Potato Growers' Association. In 1950, he was an adviser to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in a world conference on agricultural problems, which was held in Sweden. In 1964 he was made a life member of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, in tribute to him for the services he had rendered to the agricultural community in Canada.

In the debates in this chamber and in the Special Committee on Land Use, over the years, he made notable contributions, not only in his special field of agriculture but also in the general work of the Senate.

Honourable senators, Austin Claude Taylor has left a mark upon Parliament; he has left a mark upon the legislature of his native New Brunswick; he has left a mark, too, upon the people of his province as a whole, and particularly upon the people of his own county of Westmorland.

It is not given to many men today to do so much.

He is mourned by the people among whom he lived, but by none more than his wife, his little daughter and his sisters.

Honourable senators, the Senate sustained another loss it can ill afford, very suddenly, on February 19, at Kenora, Ontario, in the death of John Alexander Robertson. He died